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To: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
From: Dr. James Hall, Chief Operating Officer
Date: February 10, 2022
Re: Supplemental Report on Motion- Feasibility of Neighborhood Schools

On 12/1/21, the School Committee approved the following motion:

[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask that the Superintendent and Mayor set up a meeting with the City Manager and Facilities subcommittee members from both the City and LPS to discuss the feasibility of neighborhood schools and the acquisition of the St. Louis property which could solidify this process.

I reported on this motion on 2/2/22 stating that the St. Louis elementary school was under agreement; however, the part of the property shown in Exhibit A is still for sale for \$3,600,000.00. It appears that the School Department would have the following possible uses to for the property:

- additional early learning space as the City moves toward universal pre-K options.
- use for Central Office (saving that rent);
- additional green space and parking for the Greenhalge Elementary School;
- use potentially as a campus for smaller programs managed by the Special Education department, which would allow for the centralization of administration and programs;
- have it available for a neighborhood school, if necessary in the future, if such became the will of the School Committee.

Funding would require additional discussion and partnership. There are several options which would require further study and analysis. Savings on various leases over the next several years could potentially “fund” part of the purchase. There also are a lot of possible mixed uses for the property, where both the City and the Lowell School could possibly use parts of the project. There are parts of the campus which could be used for a community center and/or an annex where those in the neighborhood could access some municipal services. It is unknown what the renovation costs would be for the property. It is offered for sale in “as is” condition.